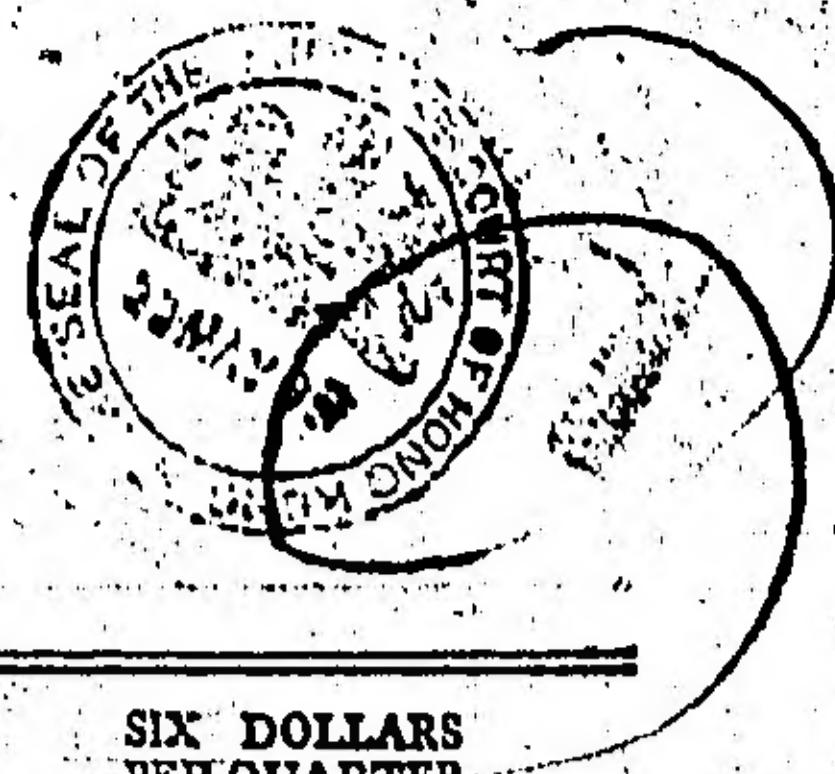




The Hongkong Telegraph.



No. 3450

SIX DOLLARS
PER QUARTER

BANKS.

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED,
LATE THE CHARTERED MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LONDON AND CHINA.
AUTHORISED CAPITAL £1,500,000
SUBSCRIBED £1,200,000

BANKERS: LONDON: JOHN STONE BANK, LIMITED.

INTEREST ALLOWED on CURRENT ACCOUNTS at the Rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the Daily Balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS:—
For 12 Months 5 per cent.
" 6 4
" 3 3
JOHN THURBURN, Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 4th February, 1893. [103]

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

Authorised Capital £1,000,000
Subscribed Capital £500,000

HEAD OFFICE:—HONGKONG.

Court of Directors: D. Gillies, Esq. Chow Tung Shang, Esq. Chan Kit Shan, Esq. W. Wotton, Esq. H. Stoltoft, Esq. Kwan Ho Chuen, Esq. Chief Manager, GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

Branches:—London, Yokohama, Shanghai, Amoy and Foochow.

BANKERS:—The Commercial Bank of Scotland, Parrs Banking Co., and The Alliance Bank (Ld.).

Interest for 12 months Fixed, 5 per cent.
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CURRENT ACCOUNTS" 2 "

Hongkong, 27th April, 1893. [8]

THE BANK OF CHINA, JAPAN, AND THE STRAITS, LIMITED.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL £2,000,000
CAPITAL CALLED-UP £51,935.50

BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Wm. Keswick, Esq. Chairman, Adolf von Andor, Esq. F. D. Sassoon, Esq. Egbert Ivenson, Esq. H. D. Stewart, Esq. David McLean, Esq.

HONGKONG COMMITTEE: The Hon. J. J. Keurk, The Hon. C. P. Chater, H. Hopkins, Esq.

Head Office—3, Prince's Street, London. Branches—Bombay, Calcutta, Hongkong, and Shanghai. Agents—Penang, Singapore, and Yokohama.

RATES OF INTEREST: ALLOWED on CURRENT ACCOUNTS and Fixed Deposits, can be ascertained on application. CHANTRY INCHBALD, Manager.

Hongkong, 20th April, 1893. [199]

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

HONGKONG BRANCH.

INTEREST ALLOWED on Fixed Deposits for 12 Months.

5 per cent. on Fixed Deposits for 12 Months.

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" Current Account daily balances.

T. H. WHITEHEAD, Manager.

Hongkong, 15th May, 1893. [171]

INSURANCES.

£1,000 STG. Payable at Age 55, or at death if previous—may be secured by a payment at the rate of—

£ 7 7 6 10 per cent. if commenced at age 57

4 8 14 2 9
3 10 11 2 8
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After the Policy has been three years in force—the Policy-holder will be entitled to receive on application a Free Paid-up Policy for proportionate amount of the Sum Assured, as explained in Prospectus, should he wish to discontinue payment of premiums.

DODWELL, CARLILL & Co., Agents, Hongkong.

STANDARD LIFE OFFICE.

GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY, (LIMITED).

CAPITAL, TAELS 600,000. £15,333.39
EQUAL TO £15,333.39
RESERVE FUND £10,000.00

BOARD OF DIRECTORS: LEE SING, Esq. LO YUEN MOON, Esq. LOU TSO SHUN, Esq.

MANAGER—HO ANGIE.

MARINE RISKS or GOODS, &c., taken at CURRENT RATES in all parts of the world.

HEAD OFFICE, 5 & 6, PRAYA WEST, Hongkong, 17th December, 1893. [189]

NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED £1,000,000.

The above Company is prepared to accept MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on Goods &c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world (except at any of its Agencies).

WOO LIN YUEN, Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE:—No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST, Hongkong, 21st February, 1893. [173]

Intimations.

A. S. WATSON & COMPANY, LIMITED.
NOTICE is hereby given, that the ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the COMPANY will be held at the HONGKONG DIPLOMATIC TO-MORROW, the 20th instant, at Twelve o'clock NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Manager, together with a Statement of Account to the 1st December, 1893.

The REGISTER of SHARES will be CLOSED from Wednesday the 17th instant, till Tuesday, the 23rd instant, both days inclusive, during which period no TRANSFER of SHARES can be registered.

By Order,

A. H. MANCELL,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 19th May, 1893. [565]

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held at the OFFICES of the COMPANY, No. 2, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, on FRIDAY, the 26th day of May, 1893, at 3 o'clock in the Afternoon, when the Subjoined Resolution, which was passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company held on the First day of May, 1893, will be submitted for confirmation as a Special Resolution:—

That the first Subsection of Article 103 of the Articles of Association of The China Fire Insurance Company, Limited, with its marginal note, be expunged, and that in lieu thereof the following Subsection and marginal note be inserted, viz:—

Invest. It may invest the Funds of the Company in or upon English, Indian, and Hongkong Government Stocks, Bonds, and Funds, and in or upon the Stocks, Bonds, Funds, and Securities of any Foreign Government, County, or State, and upon Mortgage of freehold or leasehold property in Hongkong or elsewhere, and in or upon deposits with or loans at interest to any Banking Institutions wherever established, and in or upon such other Securities as it may in its discretion think fit, and may from time to time convert or realize any monies so invested and re-invest the same in or upon any of the Securities aforesaid as occasion requires.

By Order of the Board,

JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 2nd May, 1893. [526]

THE HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE CERTIFICATE of 15 SHARES in this Company, Numbered 6,881, 11,745 to 11,751, 12,431, 12,496, 7,742 to 7,745, and 12,432 to 12,447, standing in the Register to the name of Mr. KENNETH MCKENZIE ROSS, having been LOST, notice is hereby given that a Duplicate Certificate for the said 15 Shares will be issued Fourteen Days hence, and that the Original Certificate, unless produced within that period, will thereafter be held by the Company as NULL and VOID.

D. GILLIES,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 11th May, 1893. [557]

HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

After this date NO FULLY PAID-UP SHARES of this Company will be TRANSFERRED on which the Calls on the NEW SHARES standing in the same Name remain Unpaid.

By Order,

R. LYALL,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 10th April, 1893. [444]

KOWLOON DISTRICT.

LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS.

No. 2.

EXHIBITION OF WAGLAN LIGHT.

NOTICE is hereby given that the LIGHT on WAGLAN ISLAND was Exhibited for the first time, at Sunset on the 9th of May, 1893.

The Illuminating Apparatus is Revolving Dioptric of the First Order, showing double white flashes at intervals of half a minute.

The Lighthouse stands on the summit of the Island, and the Light, which is elevated 225 feet above the level of the sea, should be visible in clear weather at a distance of 29 Nautical Miles, in all directions where it is not obscured by land.

N.B.—For the present the Light will only show thirty percent. of its full power on the toward the East, between the hours, taken from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. by East to South-East by South.

The Tower is round of iron, 15 feet high, with a total height from its base to the lantern vase of 42 feet.

The lower half of the tower is painted white, the upper half red, and the lantern white.

The dwellings are white.

Approximate position:—

Latitude 23° 51' 15" N.

Longitude 114° 10' 15" E.

FOG GUN SIGNAL.

The Keepers at the Station are hearing a bell, steam-whistle, or any other sound during foggy or thick weather, indicating the proximity of a vessel, will fire two guns with an interval of fifteen seconds between them, and if the vessel be fog signal—showing that she is under way—continues to be heard, will repeat the fire after an interval of twenty seconds.

J. McLEAVY-BROWN,
Commissioner of Customs
Custom House.

Kowloon, 10th May, 1893. [553]

CHINESE CHARACTERISTICS.

(By ALEXANDER SMITH.)

Any PERSON having a COPY of the above

to dispose of will kindly communicate with the Editor of this Paper.

Hongkong, 15th May, 1893. [574]

Intimations.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.
SUMMER CURTAINS.

NEWEST DESIGNS IN ART MUSLINS,
PONGEE SURAHs FOR ART DECORATION,

GOSSAMER and PLAIN ART MUSLINS,
in every shade.

ART CANVAS and FIGURED MUSLIN PIECE GOODS,

NOVELTIES in FRILLED CURTAINS,

NOTTINGHAM LACE CURTAINS, 3 to 5 yards long,

from \$3.25 per pair.

SUMMER CRETTONES, DIMITIES and CHINTZES.

EVERY DESCRIPTION OF HOUSEHOLD LINENS AND DRAPERY,

&c. &c. &c.

HONGKONG, 13th May, 1893. [1071]

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THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH, FRIDAY, MAY 19, 1893.

Intimations.

VICTORIA DISPENSARY.

AERATED WATERS.

WATER.—The Water used is absolutely pure.

STEAM-PLANT.—Of the latest and most powerful type.

SUPERVISION.—The whole process of manufacture is under the continuous supervision of a qualified English Chemist.

THE PRODUCT.—Will bear comparison with the Waters made by the most noted makers in England.

DAKIN, CRUCKSHANK & CO., LTD.

VICTORIA DISPENSARY.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.

CHEMISTS BY APPOINTMENT.

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

MANUFACTURERS OF AERATED WATERS.

OUR NEW FACTORY has been recently refitted with automatic Steam Machinery of the latest and most approved kind, and we are well able to compete in quality with the best English makers.

The purest ingredients only are used, and the utmost care and cleanliness are exercised in the manufacture throughout.

BOMBAY SODAS.

We continue to supply large bottles as heretofore, *Free of Extra Charge*, to those of our Customers who prefer to have them to the ordinary size.

COAST PORT ORDERS, whenever practicable, are despatched by first steamer leaving after receipt of order.

For COAST PORTS, Waters are packed and placed on board ship at Hongkong prices, and the full amount allowed for Packages and Empties when received in good condition.

Courtaulds Order Books supplied free on application.

Our Registered Telegraphic Address is "DISPENSARY, HONGKONG." And all signed messages addressed thus will receive prompt attention.

The following is a List of Waters always kept ready in Stock:

PURE AERATED WATER

SODA WATER

LEMONADE

POTASH WATER

SELTZER WATER

LITHIA WATER

SARSAPARILLA WATER

TONIC WATER

LEMON SQUASH

GINGER ALE

RASPBERRYADE

GINGERADE

No Credit given for Bottles that look dirty or greasy, or that appear to have been used for any other purpose than that of containing Aerated Waters, as such Bottles are never used again by us.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED,
51 The Hongkong Dispensary, Hongkong.

The Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, MAY 19, 1893.

HOME RULE FOR HONGKONG.

This public meeting held in the City Hall on the 12th inst., for the purpose of founding a Ratepayers' Association to safe-guard, and protect the general interests of the community, must be regarded as the most important public function this colony has been closely identified with for many years past. It marks what it is fervently to be hoped will prove the almost immediate inauguration of a policy of reasonable, intelligent and progressive administration in local matters, a change that under any circumstances can only produce beneficial results. And the discussion which took place last Friday, although in our opinion very uselessly confined to the narrowest possible limits, with the business-like decision ultimately arrived at—the appointment of a thoroughly representative and influential Committee with full powers to organise a Ratepayers' Association on a clearly defined liberal and progressive basis—must ensure the hearty support of everyone interested in the welfare of Hongkong.

It would at this stage serve no useful end to criticise the preliminary steps taken to arouse public opinion on the question of securing a fair measure of Home Rule in regard to local matters, nor to throw doubt on the *long side* of the methods adopted by certain of the leading promoters of the movement; a satisfactory result has been achieved and the end justifies the means. But good cause, just to be shown to justify the extremely radical changes proposed in the local administration of this ultra-official Crown colony, and we think that if Mr. FRANCIS, Q.C., the Chairman of the meeting, had been a trifle less discursive in retailing chatty reminiscences of what took place on the Club verandah, which were quite irrelevant, and confined himself to a plain statement of the grounds on which local government by direct representatives of the ratepayers had become a necessity, the position of the Association would certainly have been strengthened. To do this, however, means a direct impeachment of the efficiency of existing officials, and for some reason or other, which it is not worth while attempting to fathom, Mr. Francis preferred to establish his covert indictment by inference, without

implicating himself in any definite expression of opinion. But all the same, the proposal to form the Ratepayers' Association was in itself an outspoken impeachment of the Hongkong Government, and the truth and justice of that impeachment have to be supported by facts and statistics before the reforms in local administration desired can have any tangible effect either with his Excellency the Governor or the Secretary of State. In plain English, it is alleged that the inadequacy of Governmental direction and management of affairs of a purely local or municipal character have been, for years past, glaringly conspicuous for gross inefficiency and wild extravagance, and in consequence the ratepayers desire to share a privilege accorded to nearly all other British colonies—that of exercising a reasonable amount of control over what are peculiarly their own interests. That is the platform of the Hongkong Ratepayers' Association. How the end aimed at is to be attained has yet to be decided on; but as the plan of campaign is in able and reliable hands, it may be assumed that no stone will be left unturned, and no constitutional and legitimate means neglected in carrying into practical effect the publicly expressed wishes of the citizens of Hongkong.

When a difficult situation has to be faced, it is generally the best policy to charge it openly and straightforwardly, recognising frankly what troubles have to be got over and using every legitimate means human ingenuity can devise to accomplish the wished-for object. What has caused the formation of the Hongkong Ratepayers' Association, a political society that has been specially organised to obtain an independent Municipal Council to supervise purely local matters and conserve shipping and commercial interests generally, or an unofficial majority in the Legislative Council, elected entirely by popular suffrage under reasonable conditions in consonance with the Constitution of the colony and the requirements of the times in which we live? Nothing but the friction which for years past has existed between the Officials and their employers, the Hongkong public, and which, bad enough in all times past, has been so greatly intensified during the latter part of Sir WILLIAM DES VOUX' régime and since Governor Sir W. ROBINSON has held the reins of power. Forgetting their actual positions, assuming in many instances with impudence unparalleled—*sic!* Mr. MIRCHAL-LINNS in the unaccustomed rôle of Colonial Treasurer at Legislative Council meetings—that they were the colony, and that the ratepayers were nobodies and only useful in supplying the means to carry on the cumbrous machine of Government, a generally ignorant and almost invariably incapable and incompetent officialdom have arrogated to themselves, and for many years almost without protest or criticism, excepting from the *Hongkong Telegraph*, the autocratic functions of a modern Star Chamber. These (more or less) talented experts in the extremely useful art of doing nothing and doing that well, in their lofty official surroundings lost sight of that homely proverb which says that "those who pay the piper have a right to select the tune." The ratepayers of Hongkong have had to pay dearly for their gilt-edged officials, but when they reasonably suggested that taxpayers were entitled to some trifling amount of consideration for providing liberal salaries, generous allowances, extensive leaves of absence, princely pensions for the higher grades, and other exclusive and valuable privileges too numerous to mention in detail, the long-eared office boys from Downing Street turned away in disdain, carefully adjusted their master collars, smiled audibly and winked the other eye. They thought they were sufficiently protected by their official positions from having anything in common with the workers who provided their daily means of living, and that so far as their dues went they could do just as much or as little as they pleased. And that "racket" has been worked for all it was worth. The eyes of a confiding and gullible community have been sadly opened of late, so that it needs no prophetic foresight now to recognise that the gorgeous days of a selfish, stuck-up, narrow-minded, painfully incompetent and shoddy official autocracy are decidedly on the wane, and that with the scheme of Home Rule advocated by the Ratepayers' Association and supported by the ratepayers of Hongkong, who are the backbone of this Colony, the offensive and costly domination of a pampered class will cease to exist.

In our next issue we shall deal with the most crying of the Civil Service abuses in this colony during the past dozen years, and will show by actual facts that the proposed reforms in local government are absolutely necessary to save Hongkong and its inhabitants from absolute financial ruin.

TELEGRAMS.

THE HOME RULE BILL.

LONDON, May 18th.

Sir Henry James's amendment affirms the supremacy of the Imperial Parliament has been accepted by Mr. Gladstone.

The second clause of the Bill was adopted after the clause had been applied.

The further debate has been adjourned to the 20th instant.

THE WEATHER.

After eleven weeks of drought in Europe a plentiful rainfall has taken place, but it is feared it has come too late to counteract the damage the crops have already sustained.

ANOTHER BANK FAILURE.

The Royal Bank of Queensland, add 100 more to the list of failures in the Colony.

UNITED STATES EXCLUSION BILL.

The Supreme Court of Washington has confirmed the Chinese Exclusion Act which empowers the deporting of unregistered Chinese, but lack of funds prevents the carrying out of the edict for the time being.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

H.M.S. *Pigmy* arrived at Singapore from this port on May 12th.

The death rate of New York is pronounced alarming. The number the other week was 1,100.

A SULTAN is the man who has to care out his fortune if he gets any, says the *Detroit Press*.

The Hongkong Hotel rates for the summer months, as per our advertising column, ought to attract crowds of guests.

WHAT prior Raub? It is expected that the results of this month's working will total 800 ounces of gold and prospects are increasing.

According to the *Courrier*, a band of Chinese and Annamite pirates has formed a plan to carry off M. Poissi, manager of the Kehao coal mines, and hold him for ransom.

A Saxon contemporary states that the Russian cruiser *Slatik*, with the torpedo boats *Goplant* and *Narvik* now in Hongkong, are to go from Vladivostok across the North Pacific so that the officers may visit the Chicago exhibition!

The *Straits Times* of May 11th gravely intimates that "M. Becker, the Misian expert who arrived at Singapore from Bangkok," Great Caesar, what next? Becker is the man who thought fooling the Directors of the Penang Company was easier than skittles.

"Can I kiss you?" he asked the Boston girl after his proposal had been accepted. "I do not know whether you can or not," she replied critically. He hesitated a moment. "May I kiss you?" he murmured. "That's different," she responded, and he gathered them.

IN the Supreme Court—"My lord and gentlemen of the jury, I acknowledge the relevance of counsel on the other side to my grey hair. My hair is grey, and it will continue to be grey as long as I live. The hair of that gentleman is black and will continue to be black as long as he lives."

On the evening of the 8th inst. the Singapore Police raided a house owned by an Arab and succeeded in seizing fifty breech-loading rifles and two thousand rounds of ball cartridges. The intended destination of the rifles is not stated, but it is probable they were awaiting shipment to one of the Achinese ports.

ACCORDING to our Yokohama contemporary, the *Mall*, emigration from Japan to the sugar plantations in Queensland is now assuming considerable dimensions. The Nippon Yusen Kalu's steamer *Sagami Maru* will take down five hundred men on her next voyage, and since Governor Sir W. ROBINSON has held the reins of power. Forgetting their actual positions, assuming in many instances with impudence unparalleled—*sic!* Mr. MIRCHAL-LINNS in the unaccustomed rôle of Colonial Treasurer at Legislative Council meetings—that they were the colony, and that the ratepayers were nobodies and only useful in supplying the means to carry on the cumbrous machine of Government, a generally ignorant and almost invariably incapable and incompetent officialdom have arrogated to themselves, and for many years almost without protest or criticism, excepting from the *Hongkong Telegraph*, the autocratic functions of a modern Star Chamber. These (more or less) talented experts in the extremely useful art of doing nothing and doing that well, in their lofty official surroundings lost sight of that homely proverb which says that "those who pay the piper have a right to select the tune." The ratepayers of Hongkong have had to pay dearly for their gilt-edged officials, but when they reasonably suggested that taxpayers were entitled to some trifling amount of consideration for providing liberal salaries, generous allowances, extensive leaves of absence, princely pensions for the higher grades, and other exclusive and valuable privileges too numerous to mention in detail, the long-eared office boys from Downing Street turned away in disdain, carefully adjusted their master collars, smiled audibly and winked the other eye. They thought they were sufficiently protected by their official positions from having anything in common with the workers who provided their daily means of living, and that so far as their dues went they could do just as much or as little as they pleased. And that "racket" has been worked for all it was worth. The eyes of a confiding and gullible community have been sadly opened of late, so that it needs no prophetic foresight now to recognise that the gorgeous days of a selfish, stuck-up, narrow-minded, painfully incompetent and shoddy official autocracy are decidedly on the wane, and that with the scheme of Home Rule advocated by the Ratepayers' Association and supported by the ratepayers of Hongkong, who are the backbone of this Colony, the offensive and costly domination of a pampered class will cease to exist.

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On the 15th Inst. the daily output of coal from Hongkong had been brought up to 600 tons, all of which is disposed of immediately.

church's attitude in German politics was especially limited to the attitude of the German Clerical party towards the Imperial policy. The Emperor's friendly conversation and the gift of a diamond-studded snuffbox bearing his portrait to Cardinal Lodechowski, who favors the triple alliance, were much commented upon.

CHRISTIANA, April 24th.

The Radical majority in the Storting will postpone the vote on the civil list as a mark of defiance to King Oscar for having refused to approve the demand for a separate consular representation for Norway. The Norwegian newspapers attack the monarchy and are agitating for the election of the badge of the union of Sweden and Norway from the Norwegian flag.

NEWS AND GOSSIP.

British India has 10,417 licensed opium shops. Dovetail paving bricks are being made in England.

Steel barrels for petroleum are now being made in England.

It is estimated that 70,000,000 of people in Europe wear wooden shoes.

The French Government is building twenty-five ships of war of various kinds.

Owing to the drought in Southern Russia, the crops have suffered great damage.

The latest record-breaking time between Bombay and London is thirteen days.

Five million dollars will be expended in Egypt for railroads by the British Government.

Of the 60,000 Frenchmen who fought with Napoleon at Waterloo, only eight now survive.

The number of emigrants from Ireland in 1892 is officially stated to have been 51,000.

A Tokyo paper says that 300 young Japanese women were to be shipped to Chicago for funeral purposes.

It is reported that a seam of coal has been struck at a depth of 200 feet at Newport, near Melbourne.

A tournament was held in Rome the last day of April in honor of the visit of the German Emperor.

Some successful attempts to purify sewage with electricity have been made in France and England.

Telegraph wires between London and Paris are now very little utilized, the telephone being used instead.

William Watson, the English poet, who recently became insane, is reported to be completely recovered.

Magnesium light for lighthouses will take the place of electricity on the English coast, as the light is much stronger.

Count Bismarck is about to reappear in a seat in the Prussian Diet.

A bimetallic league of Australia has been formed in Melbourne "to promote bimetallism by international agreement."

England is considering the advisability of entering a formal protest against Turkish outrages on Christians in Armenia.

Nearly 500 women are employed as station agents in France, but they get only half as much pay as men in the same positions.

Queen Victoria abandoned her projected visit from Florence to Venice on account of alarming reports as to the prevalence of cholera.

Cape Colony's export of gold during March amounted in value to £430,000, as against £334,000 in the same month last year.

Strong appeals in the advertising columns of St. Petersburg newspapers for doctors, indicate how great the prevalence of cholera is in the city.

The French have invented a system of telegraphing with electric-lights from high poles, which can be seen from three or ten miles.

A music hall on the Boulevard Voltaire, Paris, brought out on Easter Sunday afternoon the sign, "Closed on account of the fine weather."

A woman without arms has been married at Christchurch, New Zealand. The ring was placed upon the fourth toe of her left foot.

In the relief of paupers, £2,191,724 was spent by local government relief boards in England and Wales during the last half of last year.

The Pope ordered the other week that prayers for rain be offered by Catholics throughout Italy. Rain had not fallen for two months.

A son of the Archbishop of Canterbury, Primate of All England, is a Captain in the artillery and an enthusiast in the art of war.

In the mercury mines of Almaden, Spain, the quality of the mercury improves and the quantity increases the farther the distance traversed.

In France there is a canal on which the boats are propelled by electricity passing through an endless chain that rests on the bottom of the canal.

Italian engineers have constructed a boat that can go 130 feet under water and move around forty-eight hours without coming to the surface.

The total stock of wheat at twenty-eight cities in continental Europe decreased 3,403,000 bushels in March. Stocks on April 1st were 17,875,000 bushels.

The Medical Committee of the Cancer Hospital in London has published a statement that "tomatoes neither predispose to nor excite cancerous formation."

The German Imperial Loan was covered by subscriptions to nearly quadruple the amount asked for by the Government, and the Prussian loan to treble the amount.

The increase of population in the whole of Australasia during 1892 is estimated by the Government Statist at 85,000, of which only 6,700 was due to emigration.

Prince Bernhard had recently to appear before an official in Vienna whose business was to judge, on moral grounds, of the appropriateness of her stage costume.

An interesting discovery has been made in Rome of an ancient Benedictine monastery, from the ruins of which a large terra-cotta vase full of gold coins was dug up.

Emperor Francis Joseph has not been in Budapest, the capital of Hungary, since the freedom of that city was conferred upon Louis Kossuth, the patriot, five months ago.

Cardiff will emulate Liverpool's emulation of New York and build an elevated passenger railway to connect Cathay's Bridge with the Blue Docks, a distance of three miles.

London had on the last day of last month 100,775 paupers, and on that day 919 vagrants were "relieved." The latest census, 1891, returned the population at 4,211,056.

The French newspapers are unanimous in pronouncing the new Cabinet a weak one. The members of it are all good and faithful enough, but they are men of mediocre ability.

At a meeting of the largest exporters of Mediterranean fruit, held at Palermo, it was unanimously decided not to ship fruit this season on steamers carrying immigrants.

The Princess of Wales has the portraits of her family and near relatives photographed upon cups and saucers of the most delicate China.

The photograph is done in oil brown.

"Ouida's" latest novel promises to be startling, even for her. Mrs. Gladstone will figure as a villain in the plot, and she promises to make him as black as any she has ever painted.

The Duke of York is an ardent stamp collector, and has just been made Honorary Vice-President of the Philatelic Society of London. The Duke of Edinburgh is the Honorary President.

Notwithstanding that every year from 5,000 to 6,000 ships go up and down the river Seine, carrying 2,500,000 tons of goods, it is said that there is no map of this important French stream in existence.

A mammoth task was recently found in a mine at Schöningen, Brunswick, which, although broken off at the point, measures twelve feet in circumference and weighs 224 pounds.

The Directors of the National Mortgage Bank of Buenos Ayres have resolved to issue £15,000,000 in new credits. It is expected that the Government will approve of the issue of these credits.

At the recent session of the Australasian Postal Conference a resolution was agreed to, favoring the construction of a Pacific cable, from Australia to Vancouver, to afford an alternate telegraphic route to England.

King Oscar of Sweden is a very simple-minded man. When he went to see the Pope he kissed the holy father on both cheeks. Such a salute was quite irregular, long usage having established the custom of kissing only the Pope's hand.

Baron Maudy of Vienna, the veteran sanitarian, has issued a strong appeal for the establishment of an international sanitary code, and suggests the summoning of an international conference to discuss and arrange such a code.

Henry Irving will start with his whole Lycée Company and some 500 tons of baggage in August for San Francisco, where he is to begin his American tour in September. The tour will occupy eight months.

A new law has just been passed in Austria relative to dueling. A principal will in future only be incarcerated for a term of six months. Seconds, doctors and all others concerned will be exempt from punishment.

Owing to the insanitary condition of Santos, Brazil, and the increasing trade there, a new port is to be established at Ubatuba, a short distance north, and surveys have already been made for a railroad to connect it direct with the coffee district.

The great service of gold plate in Great Britain is the property of the Marquis of Blandford. He always sends it over to the Station Hotel at Perto to be used at the Queen's luncheon party when her Majesty is on her way to her Scotch home.

The fashionable dogs of Paris at the present time are the large French poodle, in black, brown or white, and the ungainly Danish bearhound. It is said that the finest specimen of the latter in all Europe is owned by young Clarence Mackay.

The method of treating snake-bites by injections of strichnine is to be submitted to an exhaustive trial in India under the sanction and supervision of the Government. The method has proved highly effectual in many cases reported in Australia.

On account of increased railway rates the British Army authorities have adopted the novel method of sending transports required for various manoeuvres by road, in trains of wagons drawn by traction engines. The cost has thus been reduced fully one-half.

Some of the French papers are trying to stir up ill-feeling against Lord Dufferin, the British Ambassador at Paris. They accuse him of trying to make trouble between France and Russia, and of giving financial help to the Triple Alliance and its agents.

The Imperial Health Officer of Berlin says that the orange and the lemon are both fatal to the cholera bacillus. Placed in contact with the cut surface of the fruit the bacillus survives but a few hours. Even on the uninjured rind they die within twenty-four hours.

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It was about two o'clock in the afternoon in London. For two weeks or more the weather had been rainy and cold. Not a glimmer of the sun by day or of a star by night! Just dullness, dampness, and chilliness everywhere. People were feeling cross as hungry dogs. It was a time for suicides and rheumatism, and there were plenty of both.

The mummies of the high priests of Ammon, now in the possession of the Egyptian Government, are to be raffled off shortly. They will be divided into six lots and drawn for by the mummies of London, Paris, Rome, Berlin, Vienna and St. Petersburg.

Two English sportsmen have been posted as defaulters in 200,000 florins by the Vienna Jockey Club, and have been excluded from all race meetings. Among other defaulters posted are Alfred de Mylowski, 175,000 florins, and Baron József Orosz, 330,000 florins.

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Length 75 feet. Beam 17 feet. Depth of hold 74 feet. Registered Tonsage 75 tons. (Owing to recent alterations the carrying capacity of the Montara has been increased to 100 tons dead weight.)

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The Engines of the Chop-cheung were constructed by Messrs. INGLIS & CO., of Wanscham, and are of the Compound Inverted Cylinder Direct-Acting Surface Compacting type, cylinders 20" and 38" dia., with 8" stroke of 20". The Crank Shaft is 64" dia. at the Crank pins and 7" dia. at the Journals. The H.P. Piston Rod 3" and the L.P. 38" dia. The Piston and Connecting Rod bolts are 2" dia. Air Pump 14" dia. by 13" stroke, Single Acting Circulating Pump 8" dia. by 13" stroke, and Double Acting Feed and Blige Pump (one each) 3" dia. by 13" stroke.

These Engines have been very little used and are in thoroughly good order.

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to make what use they like of this statement, in the hope that other authors may be benefited. I am a tailor's presser, and have been in the employ of a wholesale clothier in Quebec Street, Leeds, for over eight years. I will gladly answer any inquiries.

And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, by virtue of the provisions of the Statutory Declaration Act, 1883 (VII, 1883).

"Signed" GEORGE HODGSON.

"Declarer before me at Leeds, in the County of York, by the said George Hodgson, this 18th day of October, 1893.

SEAL.

"Signed" ALF. COOKE, Mayor of Leeds.

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